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Examiner: Irina Sopjia Zemel

For: THERMAL CRYSTALLIZATION OF POLYESTER PELLETS IN LIQUID

Commissioner for Patents

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REMARKS UNDER 37 CFR § 1.115

Applicants have filed a Request for Continued Examination after receipt of a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed on January 6, 2006, in order to submit for entry an Information Disclosure Statement and consideration of the art cited in PTO 1449. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the IDS by way of acknowledgment on the PTO 1449 form.

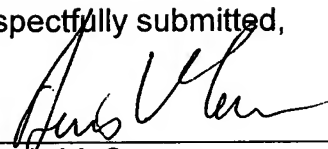
In the statement for reasons for allowance, the Examiner reiterated that "crystallization of polyesters by treating polyesters in liquid medium above the melting point or above  $T_g$  of the polyesters is **notoriously** known in the art..." For the sake of clarity and the public record, Applicants believe that the crystallization of polyesters by treating polyesters in liquid medium above the melting point of above  $T_g$  of the polyesters is not known in the art and no evidence to substantiate this assertion has been advanced. In any event, Applicants also support the Examiner's statement that the art of record is deficient in "disclosing a crystallization process of polyesters from liquid medium in solid state in long pipes with specified aspect ratios" as one or more additional features supporting the patentability of the claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any comments or remaining outstanding issues related to the prosecution of this application.

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